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SUBJECT: US-GOL CONSULTATIONS RE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE

1. ASST. SECY. SISCO TELEPHONED LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI
MORNING AUGUST 13 TO SAY USG WANTS TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT
WITH LEBANON REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON LEBANESE
COMPLAINT. SISCO SAID WE DO NOT SEE JUSTIFICATION FOR
ISRAELI ACTION, AND WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
WORK TOGETHER WITH LEBANON.

2. DURING CALL AT DEPARTMENT LATER SAME MORNING, KABBANI
ASSURED SISCO THAT AS IN PAST GOL WANTS TO CONSULT CLOSELY
WITH USG. KABBANI SAID HE HOPED TEXT OF RESOLUTION
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL SIDES CAN BE GOTTEN. TWO THINGS ARE
IMPORTANT TO GOL, KABBANI SAID: CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI
ACTION, AND MEASURES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE. KABBANI SAID
FACT THAT ISRAEL IS SAYING THAT IT WILL TAKE SAME TYPE OF
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ACTION AGAIN IF IT CHOOSES MAKES IT IMPORTANT THAT MEA-
SURES BE TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE. KABBANI SAID SOME-
THING MUST BE DONE TO INSURE SAFETY OF CIVIL AVIATION AT
BEIRUT AIRPORT WHERE DOZENS OF AIRCRAFT TRANSIT EACH DAY.

3. SISCO POINTED OUT THAT USG HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF TRYING TO LEAD INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS ON HIJACKING PROBLEM, BOTH IN ICAO AND IN UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM. USG HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE ONE LAW AND THAT IT SHOULD APPLY TO ALL. SISCO SAID WE DO NOT VIEW AS MITIGATING FACT THAT NOBODY WAS HURT AND PLANE NOT DAMAGED IN AUGUST 10 INCIDENT. NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN EXAMINING QUESTION OF TAKING MEASURES AGAINST ISRAEL IN REGARD TO CURRENT INCIDENT ONE HAS TO WEIGHT CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE FUTURE INCIDENTS. SPEAKING FRANKLY, SISCO SAID, IT SEEMS PROBLEMATIC THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT SC "MEASURES" WHICH WOULD SINGLE OUT ISRAEL IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. NEED IS FOR MEASURES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY.

4. IN CLOSING SISCO ASSURED KABBANI THAT WE ARE APPROACHING PROBLEM FROM POINT OF VIEW OF CLOSE US-LEBANESE RELATIONS AND OUR SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, WHICH GIVES LEBANON SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN MIDDLE EAST IN USG'S VIEW. SISCO STRESSED IT VERY IMPORTANT FROM BOTH USG AND GOL POINTS OF VIEW THAT USG BE ABLE TO SUPPORT WHATEVER RESOLUTION IS DEVELOPED IN SECURITY COUNCIL. ROGERS UNQTE ROGERS

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